AROUND THE TIME THE SOLDIERS RAN OUT OF AMMUNI-TION...

...THE OWL, NOW A TITAN, CRUSHED THEIR STEAM SHIPS INTO DUST, WHICH HE SPREAD ACROSS THE OCEAN.

SOON HE'D SQUEEZED THE SOLDIERS THEMSELVES DRY AND THROWN THEM INTO THE OCEAN, TOO...

...LIKE DISCARDED PIECES OF FRUIT.

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I SUPPOSE I NEED TO EXPLAIN TO YOU WHAT THE OCEAN IS.

IT'S A LARGE BODY OF SALT WATER THAT COVERS SEVEN-TENTHS OF THE WORLD'S SURFACE.

SO THE STEAM SHIPS THE MARLEY PUBLIC SECURITY AUTHORITIES USED TO TAKE US HERE, AND EVERYTHING THOSE SOLDIERS CARRIED-

EVERY TRACE THAT THEY EVER EXISTED HERE ON THIS ISLAND...

...HAD VANISHED, ENGULFED IN THE OCEAN.

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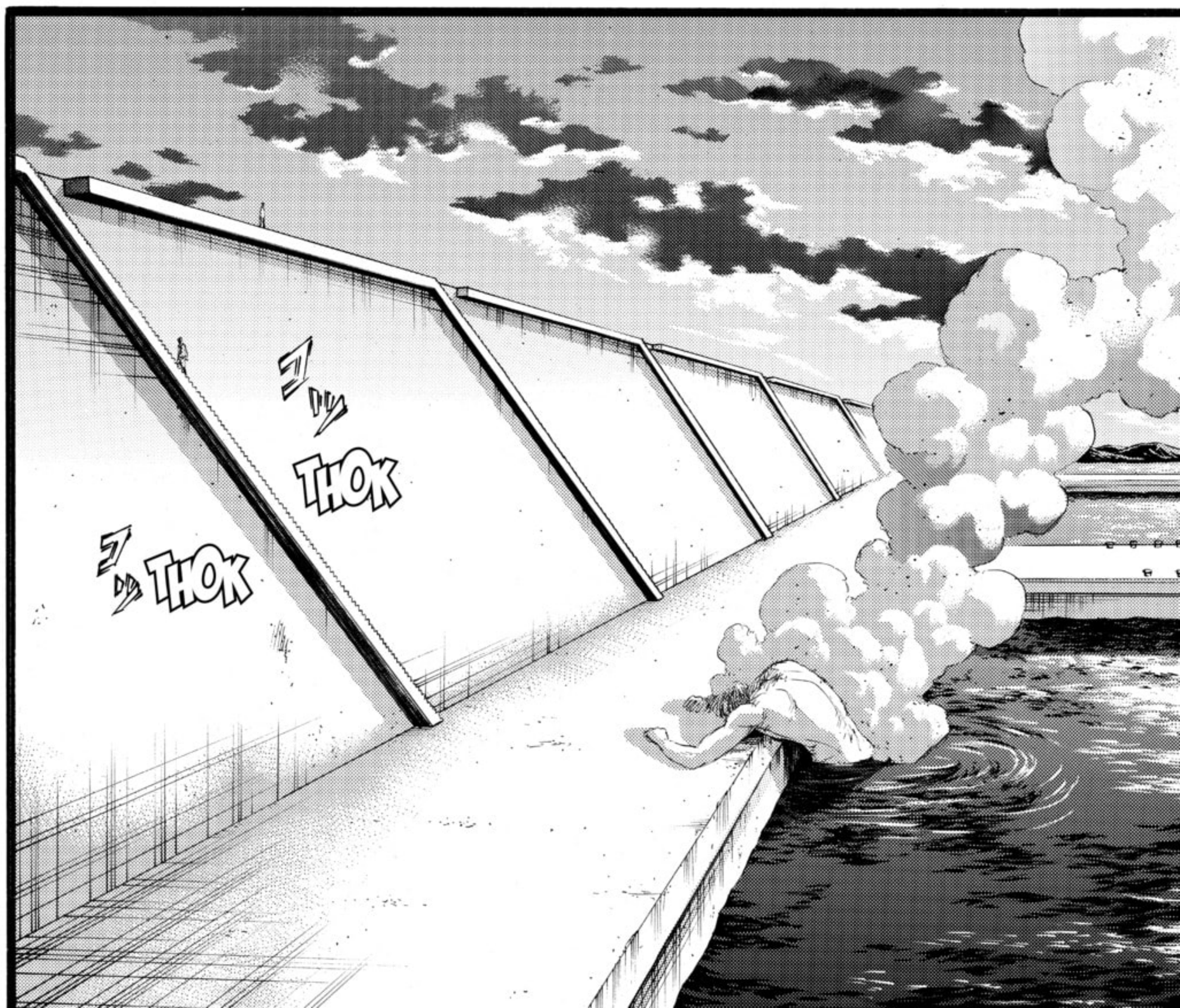
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ANY-
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YOU
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WHERE DO I...

...I DON'T KNOW.

... EVEN START ?

BUT I DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF TIME.

SORRY,

WHO ARE YOU?

... OWL.

AS I JUST SHOWED YOU, I HOLD THE POWER OF ONE OF THE NINE TITANS WITHIN ME.

IN OTHER WORDS, I AM ONE OF THE SUBJECTS OF YMIR, JUST LIKE YOU.

MY NAME IS EREN KRUGER.

HE TOO WAS A SUBJECT OF YMIR. HE HAD FALSIFIED HIS OWN MEDICAL RECORDS TO POSE AS A MARLEYAN.

I JUST FOUND A COOPERA-TIVE DOCTOR.

BUT... WHAT ABOUT THE BLOOD TESTS?!

SO YOU PRETENDED TO BE A MARLEYAN TO INFILTRATE THE GOVERN-MENT...?

I HAVE TO SAY, YOU DID A GOOD JOB.

...AND THE KNOWHOW TO STUDY TITAN BIOLOGY.

THEY HAVE EDUCATION AND POSITION...

DOCTORS MAKE GOOD SPIES.

IT WAS A REALISTIC PLAN, CONSIDERING THE SUPPORT YOU WOULD HAVE HAD FROM ME.

EVEN YOUR PLOT TO MAKE ZEKE INTO A MARLEY SOLDIER.

...AND EVEN PRODUCED AN HEIR WITH DINA FRITZ.

YOU LED THE RESTO-RATION-ISTS AT A YOUNG AGE...

THE RESULTS WERE JUST AS GRICE LAMENTED, WEREN'T THEY?

BUT IN THE END...

YES ...

I WAS A BAD FATH-ER...

A BAD HUS-BAND ...

AND A BAD MAN.

SO WHY ...

WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE LEFT STANDING HERE AS A HUMAN ...?

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WASN'T IT OBVIOUS? EVEN OUR ELDIAN CHILDREN KNOW THAT FROM THEIR MARLEY HISTORY TEXTBOOKS.

SHE COULD MAKE FULL USE OF THE POWER OF THE TITANS.

...SHE WAS A SUBJECT OF YMIR WITH ROYAL BLOOD. SHE WAS SPECIAL.

DINA ...

... YOU ARE RIGHT.

ZAKK

IF YOU HADN'T SUP-PRESSED THAT FACT...AT THE VERY LEAST...

DINA WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO COME HERE AND BE TURNED INTO A MINDLESS MONSTER...

WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE YOU KEPT ALIVE?!

SNATCH

ANSWER ME, OWL !!

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OH, THAT'S TOO KIND OF YOU!

...

THOUGH YOU DIDN'T SEEM QUITE AS CONCERNED ABOUT MY FINGERS WHEN THEY WERE CUTTING THEM OFF!

STOP IT.

THINK OF YOUR FIN-GERS.

OOZE

TELL ME!! WHY DIDN'T YOU DO ANY-THING?!

COULDN'T YOU HAVE KEPT EVERYONE FROM BECOMING TITANS IF YOU'D GONE ON YOUR LITTLE RAMPAGE EARLIER?

WHAT PURPOSE DID IT SERVE TURNING THE ELDIA RESTORA-TIONISTS INTO TITANS?!

...HEY, WHAT'S WRONG ...?!

YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING PALE FOR A BIT NOW...

...OUR COMPA-TRIOTS ...

NOT JUST ...

SLUMP

?!

I BE-LIEVE ...

I CUT OFF THE FINGERS... OF THOUSANDS OF SUBJECTS OF YMIR.

...I DID IT ALL TO SERVE ELDIA...

THOU-SANDS... I TOOK THEM HERE...AND TURNED THEM INTO TITANS.

WOMEN AND CHIL-DREN, TOO.

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I'M SHORT ON TIME...

...

I WILL.

YES...

...SHOW ME HOW.

THEN...

GRISHA...

I'M ENTRUST-ING YOU WITH MY FINAL MISSION.

YOU, AND NOT ANYONE ELSE.

THAT DAY...WHEN WE FIRST MET...

IF I HADN'T CALLED OUT TO YOU AND STOPPED YOU,

...I THINK IT'S MORE LIKELY THAT I WOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED ALONGSIDE HER.

...

YOU MAY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SAVE YOUR SISTER.

...WOULD HAVE NEVER HATED MARLEY AS MUCH AS YOU DO NOW.

YOU PROBA-BLY...

BUT IN ANY CASE, IF THAT HAD NEVER HAPPENED...

IT PUTS ME AT EASE TO KNOW YOU THINK THAT...

THAT'S WHY YOU PICKED ME?

AND ...

...

IT'S PART OF IT.

YOUR HATE...

FOR THE STATE.

FOR YOUR FATH-ER.

AND FOR YOUR-SELF...

THAT HATE I SAW IN YOUR EYES COULD HAVE BURNED THE WORLD TO ASHES.

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...!

I WAS ONCE THAT WAY, TOO.

BUT THEY WEREN'T ABLE TO DO A THING.

IN THE END, THEY WERE ALL BURNED ALIVE WITH THEIR FAMILIES.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY WHO STAYED ON THE CONTINENT FORMED A INSURGENT FORCE, AND MY FATHER JOINED.

I WAS TOO SCARED TO DO ANY-THING ELSE.

I WAS JUST A CHILD. ALL I COULD DO WAS WATCH THROUGH A CRACK IN THE CLOSET DOOR.

I SWORE TO GET REVENGE ON MARLEY AND TO RESTORE ELDIA.

MY FATHER'S FRIENDS SAVED ME JUST BEFORE MY HOME BURNED DOWN... AFTER THAT...

MY FULL DEVO-TION TO THAT...

...IS WHAT KEPT MY IDENTITY FROM BEING REVEALED UNTIL TODAY.

...TO KICK THEM DOWN FROM HERE AND TURN THEM INTO TITANS.

BUT TO DO THAT, I HAD TO TAKE THE FINGERS OF THE PEOPLE I WANTED TO PROTECT... TO SKIN THEM ALIVE...

I'M JUST LOOKING OUT INTO THE WORLD FROM A CRACK IN A CLOSET DOOR...

...THE SAME AS THEN.

... MAYBE I'M STILL ...

WHAT IS THIS MISSION THAT YOU'RE GIVING ME?

TELL ME, OWL.

...AND TAKE BACK THE FOUNDING TITAN.

YOU WILL GO INSIDE THE WALLS...

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...YOU WILL INHERIT FROM ME.

YOU'LL USE THE POWER OF THE TITAN...

YOU'LL BECOME A TITAN, AND YOU WILL EAT ME.

THEN, THAT MEANS ...

WHAT?

...

WHY DON'T YOU DO IT?

THERE, YOU'LL USE YOUR POWER TO TAKE THE POWER OF THE FOUNDING TITAN FROM ITS OWNER.

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO REACH THE WALLS WITHOUT THE POWER OF THE TITANS.

I HAVEN'T TOLD YOU EVERYTHING I KNOW.

BECAUSE MY GOAL WAS TO RAISE THE MORALE OF THE RESTORATION-ISTS.

ANYONE WHO INHERITS THE POWER OF ONE OF THE TITANS...

...WILL DIE IN THIR-TEEN YEARS.

AND I INHERITED IT THIRTEEN YEARS AGO.

IF YOU HAD KNOWN THAT...

YOU WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO EAGER TO HAVE ZEKE OR DINA TAKE ON THE FOUNDING TITAN'S POWERS.

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THE "CURSE OF YMIR."

THE OWL CALLED IT...

IT'S BECAUSE THEY SAY YMIR, THE FOUNDING TITAN, DIED THIRTEEN YEARS AFTER FIRST AWAKENING TO HER POWERS.

AND NO ONE'S POWER CAN EXCEED HERS.

SO WHEN THAT TIME CLOSES IN, YOUR BODY WEAKENS... AS THE VESSEL FINISHES SERVING ITS PURPOSE.

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YEAH.

AND... THIS WAS ANOTHER MEMORY THAT MATCHED UP WITH YOUR DAD'S NOTES, RIGHT?

THAT SEEMS TO CONFIRM IT.

WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT THE REISS FAMILY PASSED THE CROWN EVERY THIRTEEN YEARS...

AND EREN ...

SO I HAVE THIRTEEN YEARS...

NO.

I HAVE EIGHT YEARS LEFT...OR EVEN LESS.

HAS TO BE WRONG ...

IT...

IT'S WRONG ...

IF SOMEONE WHO HOLDS THE POWER OF ONE OF THE NINE TITANS DIES WITHOUT ANYONE INHERITING THAT POWER...

THEN THE POWER OF THAT TITAN IS SUDDENLY INHERITED BY A BABY BELONGING TO THE SUBJECTS OF YMIR.

DISTANCE PLAYS NO FACTOR IN THIS AT ALL...

AND NEITHER DO BLOOD RELATIONS.

SO YOU CAN'T HELP BUT THINK THAT MAYBE...

...THE SUBJECTS OF YMIR ARE ALL CONNECTED BY SOMETHING INVISIBLE.

ONE SUCCESSOR SAID THEY SAW **PATHS.**

PATHS INVISIBLE TO THE EYES.

THE BLOOD AND BONES THAT FORMED A TITAN WERE SENT TO THEM THROUGH THOSE PATHS.

AT TIMES, THOSE PATHS EVEN CARRIED MEMORIES OR THE WILL TO ACT.

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IN OTHER WORDS, THAT...

AND ALL OF THOSE PATHS CROSS AT A SINGLE COORDINATE.

...IS THE FOUNDING TITAN.

THAT IS THE MOST RECENT THEORY POSITED BY THE MARLEY GOVERNMENT'S TITAN BIOLOGY RESEARCH SOCIETY.

THROUGH **PATHS** THAT TRANSCEND PHYSICAL SPACE.

ALL TITANS... ALL SUBJECTS OF YMIR ARE CONNECTED TO THAT COORDINATE.

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...SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT MAGIC EXISTS?

AND THAT OUR ANCESTOR, YMIR, WAS A WITCH ALL ALONG?

SO WHICH IS IT?!

TO THE ELDIAN EMPIRE, SHE WAS A GOD-GIVEN MIRACLE.

THE MARLEYAN AUTHORI-TIES CALL HER A PAWN OF THE DEVIL.

...

SO THEN WHAT IS THE TRUTH? WHAT IS OUR REAL HISTORY ?

WERE ALL OF THOSE HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS YOU SENT US NOTHING MORE THAN FUEL FOR OUR MORALE, TOO?!

...HUH?

THERE ARE SOME WHO SAY THAT, TOO.

"WHEN SHE WAS A GIRL...

...OUR ANCESTOR YMIR TOUCHED THE SOURCE OF ALL LIVING MATTER."

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS TRUTH IN THIS WORLD.

THAT IS OUR REALI-TY.

ANYONE CAN BECOME A GOD OR A DEVIL.

ALL IT TAKES IS FOR SOMEONE TO CLAIM IT FOR IT TO BE TRUE.

SEVENTEEN CENTURIES OF ETHNIC CLEANS-ING?

IF THAT WERE TRUE, THERE WOULDN'T BE A STRAND OF MARLEYAN HAIR LEFT ON THIS PLANET.

OUR ANCESTOR, YMIR, BROUGHT US NOTHING BUT WEALTH WITH THE POWER OF THE TITANS?

THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE ANY HUMAN **I'VE** EVER HEARD OF.

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WAS THAT ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR "TRUTHS"?

...FROM YOU, TOO.

I HEARD THAT DINA WAS PART OF THE ROYAL BLOOD-LINE...

...UN-FORTU-NATE-LY...

SO THAT'S WHY YOU ABAN-DONED HER.

...

SHE WAS PROBABLY THE ONE THING THAT WASN'T TAKEN AWAY FROM THE INSURGENTS.

IT **IS** TRUE THAT DINA WAS OF ROYAL BLOOD.

BECAUSE SHE WAS OF ROYAL BLOOD.

SO THEN WHY?!

...

EVEN SO...

THERE WAS NO WAY I COULD LET HER FALL INTO OUR ENEMIES' HANDS.

ZEKE WOULD SURELY TELL MARLEY EVERY-THING.

IT WAS A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY SAW HIS WORDS WERE MORE THAN A CHILD'S BABBLE.

EVEN SO?

WOULD YOU PREFER SHE SPEND THE REST OF HER LIFE FORCED TO BEAR CHILDREN FOR HER ENEMY?

HONESTLY, BEING TURNED INTO A MAN-EATING MONSTER MIGHT BE PREFERABLE TO THAT.

NOT THAT I ASKED HER, OF COURSE ...

BUT SEEING HER IN THOSE LAST MO-MENTS ...

I THINK I MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE.

ONLY ONE PERSON CAN REACH THE WALL FROM HERE.

THE ONE PERSON WITH THE POWER OF THE TITANS WITHIN THEM.

...THAT I WASN'T ABLE TO SAVE OUR OTHER BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

...STILL, IT WAS ENTIRELY BECAUSE I WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH...

NOW YOU DO YOURS.

I DID MY JOB.

YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT.

DIDN'T I JUST DESTROY THE ELDIAN RESTORATIONISTS, AN ORGANIZATION YOU CREATED?

TO BE HONEST... I DON'T THINK I'M FIT FOR THE JOB.

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LOOK AT THAT.

THE MAN WHO DELIGHTED IN FEEDING MY SISTER TO DOGS...

...WAS JUST EATEN ALIVE BY A TITAN.

THERE'S NO BETTER REVENGE THAT I COULD HAVE GOTTEN THAN THIS.

YOU ASKED ME IF I ENJOYED WATCHING HIM DIE.

I COULDN'T BEAR TO HEAR THE REPULSIVE SCREAMS HE MADE AS HE DIED AN AGONIZING DEATH.

NO, I DIDN'T.

I WAS JUST... FRIGHT-ENED.

I FELT THE SAME WAY WHEN YOU WERE CRUSHING YOUR OWN MEN IN YOUR HANDS.

THE PAIN OF HAVING MY FINGERS CUT OFF...

LOSING MY WIFE AND SON,

LOSING MY BROTH-ERS AND SISTERS,

HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL...

I...

...

YOU'VE MADE A TERRIBLE MISCALCU-LATION.

I'M SORRY, BUT...

I'M SORRY.

I CAN'T HATE ANYTHING ANYMORE.

IF I'D KNOWN THIS WAS THE PRICE OF FREEDOM...

I NEVER WOULD HAVE PAID IT.

WAS A SMART MAN.

YOUR FATHER...

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YES, YOUR FATHER. THE MAN WHO SMILED AND NODDED AT THE AUTHORITIES, EVEN THOUGH THEY BARELY LIFTED A FINGER AFTER HIS OWN DAUGHTER WAS KILLED.

HE WAS DESPERATE TO MAKE SURE YOU STAYED OFF THE WRONG PATH.

HE WAS TRYING NOT TO LOSE ANY MORE OF HIS FAMILY.

...HE SHIPPED HIS OWN WIFE AND SON STRAIGHT TO HELL.

BUT HIS SON LEARNED NOTHING FROM HIM. WORSE...

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

FIGHT.

STAND.

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YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO LEAD WITH THAT.

THERE'S STILL INFORMATION I HAVEN'T TOLD YOU YET.

I'M SHORT ON TIME.

DIDN'T I TELL YOU, GRISHA YEAGER?

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...WITH YOUR OWN LIFE ON THE LINE.

IF YOU'LL FIGHT,

THAT YOU WILL FIGHT AGAIN TO RESTORE ELDIA'S FREEDOM AND DIGNITY...

THEN STAND.

YOU NEED TO MAKE A VOW TO ME FIRST.

I...

CAN'T...

I BROUGHT THIS FROM YOUR HOME.

!!

LOOK.

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NO WILL TO LOOK.

NO WILL TO STAND.

NO WILL TO FIGHT.

...I CAN'T LOOK.

HAVE YOU BEEN CASTRATED BY MARLEY?

HUH ?

YOU'VE GOT NO ***BALLS*** ...

...ARE MY SINS.

ALL I HAVE LEFT...

IT'S POINTLESS TO TRY TO MAKE ME RECALL MY HATRED.

THAT'S ENOUGH.

THE MAIN REASON I CHOSE YOU WASN'T BECAUSE YOU HATED MARLEY FAR MORE THAN ANY OTHER.

IT'S BECAUSE YOU WENT PAST THE WALL THAT DAY.

IF YOU HAD NEVER GONE OUTSIDE WITH YOUR SISTER,

YOU WOULD HAVE INHERITED YOUR FATHER'S CLINIC,

YOU WOULD NEVER HAVE MET DINA...

AND ZEKE WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN BORN.

PERHAPS SHE WOULD BE A MOTHER.

YOUR LITTLE SISTER WOULD BE AN ADULT BY NOW, PROBABLY MARRIED.

BUT YOU WENT PAST THE WALL.

FROM THE DAY YOU BROUGHT YOUR SISTER OUTSIDE THE WALL...

FROM THE FIRST DAY I CAME HERE TO KICK MY COMPA-TRIOTS TO THEIR DEATHS...

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO PAY THEM BACK.

WE SOUGHT FREEDOM, AND OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS PAID THE PRICE FOR IT.

THOSE ACTIONS WILL FOLLOW US UNTIL THEY'RE REPAID.

EVEN IF WE DIE,

EVEN AFTER WE DIE.

AFTER ALL...

YOU STARTED THIS STORY, DIDN'T YOU?

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EACH OF THE NINE TITANS HAS A NAME.

THAT INCLUDES THE ONE YOU'RE ABOUT TO INHERIT FROM ME.

IN EVERY ERA, THIS TITAN...

...HAS ALWAYS MOVED AHEAD, SEEKING FREEDOM.

IT HAS FOUGHT ON FOR FREEDOM.

ITS NAME...

...IS THE ATTACK TITAN.

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